

Appl. No. 10/736,863
Amendment dated 12/29/07

Remarks:

In the Office Action dated September 11, 2007, the Examiner rejected all pending claims under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over Seifert. In response, Applicants have amended independent claims 29, 35 and 41 to more clearly distinguish over the cited art. Specifically, the independent claims have been amended to recite that the lead includes one or more distal electrodes for connection to a pulse generator by corresponding wires in the lead. Support for this amendment may be found, for example, in Figure 3 and at paragraphs 025 and 029. As inferentially noted by the Examiner, the "needle" disclosed by Seifert cannot be considered an "electrical lead" as now claimed because the "needle" of Seifert does not include one or more electrodes and the "needle" is not coupled to a pulse generator. As such, Applicants submit the present claims are patentable over Seifert.

Reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims is respectfully requested. Any inquiry regarding this matter may be directed to the undersigned representative at (612) 226-3874.

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